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TOFTE INCIDENT

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(TASS REPORT FROM WASHINGTON: "THE MORES OF THE AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICE")

(TEXT) FOR 16 YEARS HANS F. TOFTE HAD WORKED IN THE U.S. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY AND HELD A RATHER HIGH POST. TOFTE'S WORK DURING WORLD WAR II WAS COMMENDED BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF GREAT BRITAIN AND DENMARK. DURING THE KOREAN WAR HE DIRECTED CIA OPERATIONS IN SOUTH KOREA AND JAPAN.

TOFTE ASSUMED THAT HIS PAST PERFORMANCE WOULD GIVE HIM THE RIGHT TO EXPRESS HIS OPINION, BUT THE EXPERIENCED SPY WAS DEEPLY IN ERROR. AFTER THE APPOINTMENT OF HELMS AS CIA DIRECTOR TO REPLACE RETIRING RABORN, TOFTE, DESPITE THE FACT THAT HE WAS A PERSONAL FRIEND OF HELMS, WAS IMPRUDENT ENOUGH TO VOICE HIS DISAPPROVAL OF THIS APPOINTMENT AND SOON PAID DEARLY FOR IT. UNDER THE COVER OF A "BUYER," ANOTHER CIA AGENT, KENNETH R. SLOCUM, APPEARED AT THE HOUSE WHERE TOFTE LIVED AND WHICH HE WANTED TO SELL. TOFTE'S 36-YEAR OLD MOTHER IN LAW WAS IN THE HOUSE AND THE EXPERIENCED CIA AGENT DID NOT FIND IT DIFFICULT TO MAKE HER EAT OUT OF HIS HAND. SLOCUM "FOUND" IN ONE OF THE HIDDEN CORNERS OF THE HOUSE "SECRET MATERIALS" WHICH TOFTE HAD TAKEN HOME FROM THE CIA WITHOUT PERMISSION. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY ANOTHER VISIT BY CIA REPRESENTATIVES. THEY TOOK THE "SECRET MATERIALS" AWAY AND BROUGHT TOFTE HIMSELF UNDER ESCORT TO CIA HEADQUARTERS. TOFTE ASSERTED THAT THE POSITION HE HELD AUTHORIZED HIM TO TAKE CERTAIN MATERIALS HOME FOR WORK.

IT WOULD SEEM THAT THIS WAS NO UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE WHERE ONE SPY TAKES VENGEANCE ON ANOTHER, AND IT WOULD HAVE REMAINED UNNOTICED SAVE FOR ONE SPECIAL INCIDENT. IT SEEMS THAT THE CIA AGENTS WHO APPEARED IN TOFTE'S HOUSE NOTICED OT ONLY "SECRET MATERIALS" BUT ALSO VALUABLES. THE LATTER DISAPPEARED FROM THE HOUSE. THE POLICE WERE CALLED. BUT THE POLICE ARE CONFUSED. THEY ARE NOT UP TO INVESTIGATING A THEFT IN WHICH CIA AGENTS WERE INVOLVED. THE THEFT, HOWEVER, IS CONSIDERABLE; VALUABLES WORTH SOME 30,000 DOLLARS HAVE BEEN TAKEN.

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